

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. - 11. (canceled).

12. (new): A battery in which a power generating element comprising a positive electrode, a negative electrode and a separator is accommodated in a battery case, wherein:

said battery case is composed of a flexible sheet, and

at least part of said power generating element is covered with a cover member in said battery case, and

said positive electrode and negative electrode comprise a lead terminal and a non-coated portion, and

the part covered with said cover member is said non-coated portion, and

said cover member is obtained by superimposing two covers on each other such that the two covers face each other.

13. (new): The battery according to claim 12, wherein:

the superimposed portion of said two covers faces said non-coated portion.

14. (new): The battery according to claim 12 or 13, wherein:

the lead terminal is held between said two covers.

15. (new): The battery according to claim 12 or 13, wherein:

said power generating element is entirely covered with said two covers in said battery case.

16. (new): The battery according to claim 13, wherein:

the superimposed portion of said two covers

faces the non-coated portion, and

faces a superimposed portion of said flexible sheet, on the opposite side to the non-coated portion.

17. (new): A battery in which a power generating element comprising a positive electrode, a negative electrode and a separator is accommodated in a battery case, wherein:

said battery case is composed of a flexible sheet, and

at least part of said power generating element is covered with a cover member in said battery case, and

said positive electrode and negative electrode comprise a lead terminal, and

said cover member is composed of two covers, and

said two covers face each other, with holding said lead terminal between them, to cover said power generating element.

18. (new): The battery according to claim 17, wherein:

said two covers are cup-shaped.

19. (new): The battery according to claim 17 or 18, wherein:

said two covers are superimposed on each other such that the two covers face each other, with holding said lead terminal between them.

20. (new): The battery according to claim 18, wherein:

open sides of said two covers face each other, with holding said lead terminal between them.

21. (new): The battery according to claim 14, wherein:

said power generating element is entirely covered with said two covers in said battery case.